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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are:

- (1) Specification ( 56 pages)
- (2) Twenty-six (26) Claims-- 2 independent, 24 dependent
- (3) Drawings ( 12 sheets)
- (4) Declaration and Power of Attorney
- (5) Verified Statements Claiming Small Entity Status
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement
- (7) Express Mail Certificate
- (8) Return Receipt Post Card

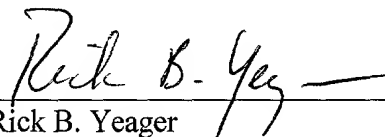
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. " 1.10 and 1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of March 22, 2001, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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